

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has not amended any claims. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 12-28 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 12-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasanen, *et al.* (US 7,181,202) in view of Houde (US 6,032,043). The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections and submits the following remarks for the Examiner's favorable reconsideration.

To establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness, three basic criteria must be met. First, there must be some suggestion or motivation, either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art, to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. Second, there must be a reasonable expectation of success. **Finally, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations (MPEP 2143).** In that regard, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's two references still fail to teach or suggest each and every element of the presently pending independent claims.

The present invention discloses and claims a method for setting up a connection in a system for mobile telecommunications. The method includes the steps of: 1) receiving a call set-up request message comprising an indication of at least two services and an identification of a called party; 2) sending a routing information request message to a **database** for storing subscriber data, wherein the request comprises an identification of a first of the at least two services, an identification of the called party, and **an indication that at least one further routing request message will be sent**; 3) **receiving a response message from the database**; 4) determining that the response message comprises an indication that the **database** is adapted to process the indication that at least one further routing info request message will be sent; 5) sending a further

routing information request message comprising an identification of a further service, and receiving a further response message; 6) analyzing the received response messages; and 7) sending or not in dependence of the result of the analysis a call set-up request message to a further call control node.

The Examiner stated that Rasanen teaches sending a routing information request message to a database for storing subscriber data, wherein the request comprises an identification of a first of the at least two services, an identification of the called party, and an indicating that at least one further routing request message will be sent. The Applicant respectfully disagrees with this characterization. The Examiner stated that since Rasanen discusses setting a communication link between users, this involves network elements such as base station controllers, mobile switching centers, MSC servers, MSS gateways and so a database is disclosed. However, none of these disclosed control entities are databases. In terms of the functions being cited for disclosing the Applicant's invention in Rasanen, Rasanen does not disclose any of these functions being performed by a database. In particular, Rasanen merely discloses communication between two mobile stations that utilize control nodes to perform the disclosed functions (see FIG. 1, Col. 6, lines 4-67). The Applicant's invention is directed toward providing an indicator to a database storing subscriber data. The Applicant's invention provides a novel method to inform the database that a request is being made for more than one service during call set-up. Rasanen is not directed toward the database, but rather an end user to end user link, without any discussion of functions being performed by the database.

In addition, Rasanen does not teach sending a message providing an indicator that at least one further routing request message will follow. The Examiner has cited several passages supporting this function in Rasanen. A careful review of the cited passages as well as the entire specification of Rasanen does not disclose such a message being sent.

Additionally, Rasanen does not provide any discussion of these messages being sent to the database. Rather, Rasanen merely discloses a user to user perspective rather than any discussion or utilization of the database.

Therefore, Rasanen does not teach or suggest several elements of the present invention as recited in claim 1. Additionally, claims 14, 23, and 25 contain similar limitations not taught or suggested by Rasanen. The addition of Houde does not make up the missing elements.

Common ownership

In addition, the Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because Houde was commonly owned at the time this invention was made.

Statement of Common Ownership

The present application and United States Patent No. 6,032,043, issued to Houde, were commonly-owned by Telefonaktiebolaget L.M. Ericsson (publ), a corporation of the country of Sweden, at the time of the invention claimed in the present application.

This present application was filed after November 29, 1999. Accordingly, Applicant asserts that the subject matter of Houde is disqualified as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

As noted above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims 1, 14, 23, and 25 include limitations not disclosed in Rasanen. Additionally, Houde is disqualified as prior art. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 12-28.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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